Bird Calendar 1931 27th Year

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This bird calendar was first started by Dr. Herrick in 1905, and records have been compiled for the Cleveland region every year since. This year the bird calendar will be jointly conducted by the Biology Department, Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Bird Club. The appointed committee to which it is desired that all members, students, and bird lovers report their records at the end of each month are the following: S. C. Kendeigh, W. H. Watterson, John Aldrich, C. M. Finfrock, J. Paul Visscher, F. H. Horrick, and C. M. Shipman.

The "Cleveland region" we shall more definitely define for these reports to include the following counties in north central Ohio: Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Lorain (northern half), Erie, Sandusky, and Ottawa. Records obtained outside of this region will not be included without special mention of the fact. In the compiling of the records, therefore, usually no locality will be mentioned, since the region is fairly uniform.

The period of time covered by the records in this first number of the bird calendar is from approximately January 1 to March 31. This includes both the winter birds and the early migrants.

Opinions have been variously expressed this winter that birds were more scarce than usual, due to the drought last summer and fall. This needs careful consideration. Definite statements are difficult because of lack of adequate comparative data. Each species must be studied separately. The records submitted for this bulletin indicate that the following species were present in reduced numbers: Tree Sparrow, Junco, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Flicker, Mourning Dove, and Sparrow Hawk. The Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatch, Chickadee, and Bob-White were present in either normal numbers or only slightly reduced. The following species were apparently more than usually common: Robin, Bluebird, Towhee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Song Sparrow, and Purple Finch. The number of birds coming to feeding stations is not always a good criterion of general abundance. Since the winter was quite open, food could have been readily secured elsewhere.

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These contributors will be designated by initials, only, in the following records, and these initials will be listed after the name of the species rather than the date, as has been the custom hitherto.

The species are listed in A. O. U. check list order. The number of individuals seen on each date is indicated in parentheses.

1. Iceland Gull – J.S., S.C.K. March 29 (Catawba point). This is a sight record only, but the opportunity for close observation for several minutes was good. There are only a very few records of this species for the state.

2. Herring Gull – W. H.W., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 8 (50); 20 (15); 25 (500); Feb. 1 (2); 3 (1); 23 (2); March 4 (4); March 18 (15); 23 (10); 25 (1); 26 (1).

3. Ring-billed Gull - F.G., W.H.W., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 24; Feb. 5 (1); Mar. 7 (3); 14; 21 (2); 23 (2); 29 (Common at Catawba Point).

4. Bonaparte Gull - W.H.W. March 22 (1).

5. American Merganser - W.H.W., J.A., J.S., S.C.K. Feb. 1 (16); Mar. 7 (35); 22 (8).

6. Red-breasted Merganser - J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., J.S. Jan. 8 (10); 25 (1 female); 26 (1 female); Mar. 29 (1 male).

7. Hooded Merganser - J.A., J.S., S.C.K. Mar. 18 (1); 22 (2, a pair); 30 {1 female).

8. Mallard - A.B.W., J.A., F.G., J.P.V., W.H.W., J.S., S.C.K. Jan. 25 (F.G); Mar. 20 (5, 5); 22 (8, 20); 28.

9. Black Duck - A.B.W., J.A., F.G., J.P.V., J.S., S.C.K. Jan. 25 (F.G.); Mar. 22 (100); 25 (1); 28.

10. Gadwall - J.S., S.C.K. Mar. 29 (2) It is our experience that the Gadwall is a regular migrant through here in both spring and fall. We have found them both in small flocks and mixed in with Baldpates.

11. Baldpate - J.P.V., J.S., S.C.K. Mar. 22 (70); 28 (5); 29.

12. Green-winged Teal - A.B.W., J.S., S.C.K. Mar. 22 (6): 25 (1).

13. Pintail - J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K. Jan. 25 (F.G.); Mar. 22 (80): 23 (1).

14. Redhead - S.C.K. Jan. 26 (1 female): Feb. 5 (3 females).

15. Canvas-back - J.A. F.G. Jan. 15; Mar. 18 (11).

16. Lesser Scaup Duck - J.A., W.H.W., J.S., S.C.K. Jan 8 (2): 20 (8): Feb. 1 (10); 5 (30); Mar. 7 (2); 14 (38); 21 (78); Mar. 22 (40); 23 (1). In addition to these records it may be noted that approximately 300 Scaup (sp.?) passed the winter within the breakwater between Edgewater Park and the mouth of Cuyahoga River. They were still there on Mar. 1, but gone on the 15th.

17. Ring-necked Duck - J.A., F.G., W.H.W., S.C.K. Jan. 25 (F.G.); Mar. 21 (2 males, 1 female); 22 (2); 23 (3).

18. American Golden-eye - J.A., W.H.W., J.S., S.C.K. Jan. 8 (20); 20 (15); 25 (several); Mar. 7 (20); 22 (3, 1); 29.

19. Canada Goose - C.M.S. Mar. 22 (26).

20. Woodcock - E.K. March 31 (1).

21. Wilson Snipe - J.A., E.K. March 18 (3).

22. Killdeer - W.H.W., J.P.V., C.M.S., F.G., J.A., S.C.K. Feb. 28 (1); Mar. 21 (1); Mar. 22; (11, several); 23 (5); 26 (1); 28 (3).

23. Bob-White - F.G., W.H.W., J.A. Jan. 4; 8 (10); Feb. 23 (15); 28 (20); Mar. 4 (6); 18 (5).

24. Ruffed Grouse - J.S., W.H.W., J.A., A.B.W. Jan. 25 (3); Feb. 1 (2); 15 (5); Mar. 20(2).

25. Mourning Dove - J.S., F.G., C.M.F., S.C.K. Jan. 28; Mar. 22 (6); 27; 28 (2).

26. Turkey Vulture - W.H.W., J.A., A.B.W. Mar 21 (1); 22 (2, 2).

27. Marsh Hawk - W.H.W., J.P.V., F.G., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Feb. 28; Mar. 4 (1); 21 (1); 22 (1); 23 (2); 26 (1); 27 (1); 28 (1).

28. Sharp-shinned Hawk - H.S., F.G., J.A. Feb. 6 (1); Mar. 2 (1); 20 (1).

29. Cooper Hawk - C.N.S., F.G., J.A. Jan. 2 (2); 17 (1); Feb. 3 (1); Mar. 14 (1); 18 (1); 29 (1).

30. Red-tailed Hawk - J.S., W.H.W., J.A., A.B.W. Jan. 25 (2); 28 (2); Feb. 6 (2); 26 (1) Mar. 28 (1).

31. Red-shouldered Hawk - J.P.V., J.A. Feb. 22 (1); Mar. 17 (1); 18 (1); 28 (1).

32. Rough-legged Hawk - W.H.W., J.S., S.C.K. Feb. 15 (1); Mar 30 (1); on Pelee Island.

33. Bald Eagle - J.S., S.C.K. Mar. 30 (2). on Pelee Island.

34. Pigeon Hawk - H.B. Reports seeing this species three times during Jan. and Feb.

35. Duck Hawk - H.B. Mar. 22.

36. Sparrow Hawk - F.G., W.H.W., J.A., S.C.K. Jan 8 (1); 18 (1); 28; 30 (1); Feb. 3 (1); Mar. 1 (1); 7 (1); 21 (1); Mar. 22 (2); 26 (1).

37. Short-eared Owl - C.M.S., J.A. Feb. 2 (1); 20 (1); C.M.S. has received reports of about 11 this winter, has one as a pet which he captured in a wounded condition. Believes they come south every four or five years.

38. Barred Owl - W.H.W., J.A. Jan. 25; 28 (3); Feb. 17 (1); Mar. 18 (2).

39. Screech Owl - W.H.W., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 25; Mar. 10 (1); 13 (2); 26 (1); 31 (1heard giving "drumming" and "wailing" songs on Pelee Is.)

40. Great Horned Owl - C.M.S., W.H.W., J.A. Jan. 4; 27 (1); Feb. 1 (1); Mar. 14 (1).

41. Snowy Owl - J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 3 (1); Mar. 14 (1 - about 200 ft. out on lake ice at Gordon Park).

42. Belted Kingfisher - R.F., J.A. Jan. 27 (1); Mar. 6 (1) Painesville. This one has been seen repeatedly during the winter along the river since there has been open water.

43. Hairy Woodpecker - J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 3 (1); Jan. 8 (1); 10 (2); 27 (10); Feb. 1 (3); 3 (4); 5 (5); 6 (1); 28 (1); Mar. 17 (2); 20 (1) 22 (1); 25 (1); 26 (1).

44. Downy Woodpecker - F.G., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 3 (3) ; 8 (2); 14 (1); 20 (4);27 (3); Feb. 1 (8); 3 (1); 5 (3); 6 (6); 23 (2); 27 (1); 28 (4); Mar.4 (1); 7 (1); 13 (8); 14 (1); 17 (3); 18 (1); 20 (1); 22 (1); 26 (1).

45. Pileated Woodpecker - J.S., W.H.W., C.M.S., J.A. Feb. 3 (1); 4 (1); 23 (1); 28 (1); Mar. 14 (1); 15 (1); 17 (1).

46. Red-headed Woodpecker - W.H.A. Mar. 15 (1).

47. Red-bellied Woodpecker - C.M.S., W.H.W. Jan. 4; Mar. 14 (1); This species seems very scarce this winter.

48. Flicker - C.J., W.H.W. Jan. 4 (10); Mar. 6 (1 - singing); 31 (1 – singing).

49. Phoebe - J.P.V., J.S., S.C.K. Mar. 28 (1); 29 (1).

50. Prairie Horned Lark - J.S., F.G., W.H.W., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 4; 25; Feb. 1 (35); Feb. 3 (6); 6 (1); 28 (3); Mar. 18 (3); 22 (3); Mar. 23 (2).

51. Blue Jay – F.G., C.M.S., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 27 (2); Feb. 1 (1); 5 (1); 6 (2); 23 (3); Mar. 8 (2); 13 (2);17 (1); 18 (1); 20 (1); 21 (1); 22 (8); 26 (1).

52. Crow - J.S., C.M.F., F.G., W.H.W., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan 4; 14 (1); Feb. 1 (1); 8 (4); 9 (1); 18 (15); 21(1); 22 (1); 23 (50, 2); 26 (11, 2); 28 (10, 300 migrating); Mar. 1 (6); 4 (25); 6 (several); 7 (12); 13 (10, several); 14 (1); 15 (5); 17 (10); 20 (4); 21 (140); 22 (350, 500); 23 (25); 26 (25); Big migration eastward along south shore of Lake Erie.

53. Starling - S.C.K. Jan. 10 (100); Mar. 7 (10); 14 (1); 21 (30); 22 (400); On this last date, flock after flock of these birds were seen moving eastward along the south shore of the Lake. The question arises as to how much of a migrant the Starling is in the United States.

54. Cowbird - J.S, W.H.W., F.G., J.A., S.C.K. Mar. 14; 22 (5, 1); 23 (1).

55. Red-winged Blackbird - J.A., C.M.S., J.A., W.H.W., A.B.W., S.C.K. Mar. 18 (50); 20 (2); 21 (2); 22 (50, 100, 125); 23 (30).

56. Meadowlark - J.S., W.H.W., J.P.V., F.G., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 8 (1); Mar. 3 (8);4 (3); 29 (1); 22 (30, 1, T.C., singing); 23 (5); 26 (5); 28 (C)[sic].

57. Rusty Blackbird - J.S., W.H.W., F.G., S.C.K. Mar. 21; 22 (6, T.C.); 28.

58. Bronzed Grackle - J.S., W.H.W., C.M.F., C.M.S., F.G., J.A., S.C.K Feb. 8 (1); Mar. 1; 18 (25); 10 (24); 20 (1, flocks); 21 (1); 22 (60, C[sic]); 23 (2); 26 (10).

59. Purple Finch - J.S., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 5 (2); 10 (40); 29 (20); Feb. 6 (4); 29 (4). Common this winter until March 15.

60. Redpoll - F.G. Feb. 28 (2).

61. Goldfinch - F. G., J.A. Jan. 2; 28 (1).

62. Lapland Longspur - F. G. Feb. 23 (8).

63. Tree Sparrow - F.G., C.M.F., M.E.M., W.H.W., J.A.,A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 1; 3; 4; 8 (100); 14 (20); 18 (150); 20 (3); 27 (10); Feb. 1 (4); 3 (6); 6 (2); 23 (2); 26 (5); Mar. 4 (1); 7 (15); 18 (10); 22 (10); 23 (2); 26 (10); 27(2).

64. Field Sparrow - W.H.W., E.K. Mar. 22 (1) singing.

65. Slate-colored Junco - F.G., C.M.F., W.H.W., J.K., S.C.K. Jan. 2; 6; 14 (5); Feb. 1; 5 (2); 6 (15); Mar. 23 (2); 26 (20). This species is apparently quite scarce this winter.

66. Song Sparrow - J.P.V., F.G., C.M.S., W. H.W., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 2; 4; 8 (1); 10 (5); 27 (1); Mar. 7 (2 singing); 20 (4); 21 (2); 22 (20, 50); 23 (50); 26 (25); 27 common; 28 C. This species was well represented in this region during the winter.

67. Towhee - M.E.M., J.S., F.G., W.H.W., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 3 (3); 4; 10: 17; 27 (5); Feb. 8; 15; 21 (1); 22 (10 or 12); Feb. 28 (2); Mar. 7 (4); 13 (6); 14; 17 (3); 20 (2); 25 (2); 27. This species was much more common than usual last winter.

68. Cardinal - F.G., C.M.S., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 2; 3 (4); 8 (1); 27 (4); Feb. (1); 3 (2); 6 (3); 8 (1) singing; 26 (1); 28 (5, 6); Mar. 7 (1); 14 (2); 17 (1); 18 (1); 22 (4); 26 (2).

69. Northern Shrike - J.S., W.J.W., S.C.K. Dec. 17. 1930 (1); Jan. 29 (1 immature female); Feb. 1 (1).

70. Migrant Shrike - J.S. Mar. 30 (1).

71. Bohemian Waxwing - H.B. Mar. 15 (20).

72. Cedar Waxwing - C.M.S, J.A. Mar. 18 (50); 28 (2 flocks 35 & 50).

73. Carolina Wren - J.S., E.K., S.C.K. Jan. 27 (1); Mar. 22 (2 singing).

74. Winter Wren - J.S., S.C.K. Jan.10 (1); Feb. 6 (1).

75. Brown Creeper - J.S., J.A., S.C.K. Jan. 8 (1); Feb. 1 (1); 5 (1); 6 (2); 20; 28 (1); Mar. 6; 17 (1).

76. White-breasted Nuthatch - C.M., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 3 (2); 8 (1); 10 (2); 20 (2); 26 (2); 27 (10); Feb. 1 (8); 3 (1); 5 (6); 6 (80); 23 (2); 28 (2, 8); Mar. 4 (6); 13 (2); 14 (3); 20 (2); 22 (2); 23 (1); 25 (1).

77. Red-breasted Nuthatch - E.K., J.S., M.E.M., W.H.W., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 3 (4); 8 (1); 27 (1); Feb. 1 (4); 5 (2); 6 (10, 4); 8; 15; Mar. 13 (2); 31 (10). This species has been unusually common this last winter.

78. Tufted Titmouse - C.M., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 20 (3); 27 (5); Feb. 1 (15); 3 (1); 5 (5); 23 (5); 26 (1); 28 (2); Mar. 4 (5); 13 (6); 17 (5); 20 (2); 22 (2); 26 (1); 27 (4).

79. Black-capped Chickadee - F.G., C.M.S., J.A., A.B.W., S.C.K. Jan. 1; 3 (6); 8 (15); 20 (6); 26 (2); 27 (15); Feb.1 (25); 3 (5); 5 (10); 6 (18); 23 (10); 28 (12); Mar. 4 (2); 13 (5);14 several; 17 (5); 20 (20); 22 (1).

80. Golden-crowned Kinglet - M.E.M., J.S., S.C.K. Jan. 17 (2); 21; 28 (1); Mar. 6 several.

81. Hermit Thrush - W.H.W. Mar. 14 (1).

82. Robin - J.P.V., J.S., C.M.F., C.M.S., M.E.M., F.G., W.H.W., E.K., J.A., A.B.W., S.K.K. Jan. 10; 17; 25 (1); Feb. 8; 13 (6 scattered and singing); 26 (1); 28 (7, 2, 8) new arrivals; Mar. 1 (1); 3 (1); 4 (1); 6 (1); 7 (1); 13 (1); 14 (1); 15 (3); 16 (1 singing); 17 (1); 18 (1); 20 (1); 21 (3); 22 (300, big migration this day); 23 (30); 25 (2); 26 (15); 27(C).

83. Bluebird - J.S., R.F., S.C.K., C.M.S., F.G., W.H.W., J.A. Jan. 8 (7); 10 (1); Feb. 1 (1, 2, 3); 28 (12); Mar. 21 (1); 22 (3); The Bluebird has been present throughout the winter in fair numbers.